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SUBJECT: Fire on site 3/3/97

On 3/3/97 Smith Technology's task was to remove a hopper from a filter press in the treatment room at Dayton Electroplate.

After inspection by Foreman and Response Manager there was no signs of a fire hazard and a hot work permit was filled out and placed in area. A fire extinguisher and fire watch was on hand before any cutting was started. After approximately 5 minutes of cutting smoke was seen rising from top of the hopper by fire watch. He notified the cutter and began with fire extinguisher. Five fire extinguishers were used and would not extinguish the blaze.

The Foreman and Response Manager were called on the radio and Dayton Fire Department was called to the scene. After approximately 15 minutes the fire was extinguished. The fire department stayed on scene for about one hour, to insure it was all clear.

At this time we are not sure why this happened but for now we are looking at a different method of removing hopper.